

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

After the foregoing Amendment, claims 1-13 are currently pending in this application. Various claims are amended to improve readability. New claims 13-14 are added.

Objection To The Information Disclosure Statement

The Examiner did not consider reference G 93 10 536 for failing to provide a concise explanation of this German Language reference. It is respectfully submitted that the notation of this reference as a Category "A" reference, i.e. a "document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance," in the English language PCT search report submitted with the application papers and the IDS is a concise explanation of the relevance of G 93 10 536. Consideration of G 93 10 536 is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1, 3-4 and 7-12 are rejected as being anticipated by Steele (US 7,265,663); Claims 2 and 5-6 are rejected as obvious over Steele. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Amended claim 1 defines:

A system for computer assisted driving lessons, for installation in a

vehicle used for instructions, comprising:

an electronic processing unit ... configured to synchronously record and store signals from the cameras, the microphone and the sensor in pre-defined time intervals at pre-defined positions along a driving route and to permit manual entering of electronic marks at points of particular interest during the synchronous recording.

The claimed driving teaching system permits an instructor to ride with a pupil and make real time notational comments in the electronic record being made while a pupil drives a training route. Steele does not disclose or suggest such a system.

The Steele system is directed to racecar driving on a track where the entire session is recorded remotely so that more than one driver's performance can be compared and contrasted. While a single driver's performance can be evaluated, there is no disclosure or suggestion of being able to make in-vehicle manual marks in the recordings.

Method claims 8, 13 and 14 similarly define a method of making real time notations in a driving training record. Claim 13, for example defines:

while the pupil drives the vehicle on the pre-defined route, recording video signals in the vehicle from the same pre-defined route and an instructor manually entering electronic marks at points of particular interest in the recording;

This enables an instructor to quickly show a pupil mistakes that occurred during a driving lesson by showing the interval of recordings around each driving error that

the instructor had indicated by manually entering an electronic mark into the recording. Steele does not disclose or suggest such a method.

Regarding claim 7, Col. 9, lines 7-22 is cited as disclosing “pre-ride educational materials.” However, there is no teaching that such “pre-ride educational materials” include the claimed “picture/video-sequences from pre-defined time intervals in pre-defined positions along a pre-defined route” that are displayed per claim 7. Accordingly, the anticipation rejection of claim 7 based on Steele should be withdrawn.

Conclusion

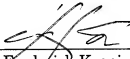
If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephonic interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

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In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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